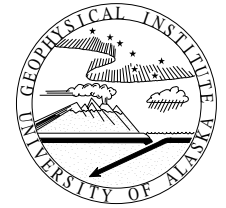




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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

October 23, 2002

5:03 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a strong earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, October 23rd at 3:27 AM AKDT in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.7 and was located at a depth of about 0 miles (0 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt strongly from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

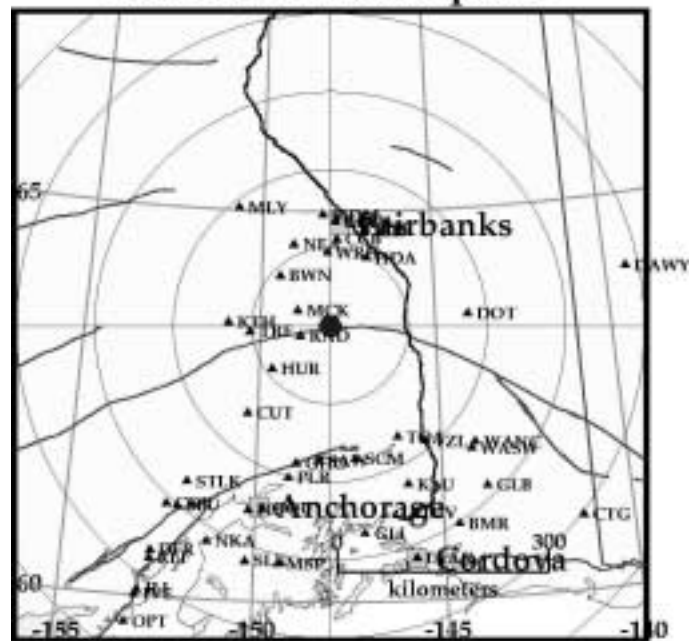
Distance to nearby locations:

- 44 km (28 miles) E of Denali Park
- 50 km (31 miles) ENE of Cantwell
- 59 km (37 miles) SE of Healy
- 105 km (66 miles) SSE of Clear
- 112 km (70 miles) W of Pump Station #10
- 116 km (72 miles) SSW of Salcha
- 119 km (74 miles) WSW of Pump Station #9
- 123 km (77 miles) WSW of Fort Greely

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 10/23/2002 11:27:20
 Latitude: 63 N 32'
 Longitude: 148 W 00'
 Depth: 0 km
 Magnitude: ML 6.7 (NEIC);

Location of Earthquake



Circles are 111 km (70 miles) apart.

The location and magnitude for this earthquake may be updated as data from additional seismic stations are received. The Alaska Earthquake Information Center will continue to gather data and may issue additional releases as appropriate. With any moderate or large earthquake, aftershocks should be expected to occur.

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